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*Rejects Congressional
Supervision Of CIA*

To the Editor of The Blade:

The Blade in an editorial, "Watch The CIA," states that a congressional committee should oversee the workings of the CIA. It is my understanding that the CIA is our intelligence agency. This idea is rather interesting, and I do think the author of the editorial has a point. Yet when I consider that this is the agency that hires our spies, I tend to disagree.

These men are risking their lives for our country. I think that we owe it to them not to increase this risk. I do think that we cannot ask these men to give up their families and friends, to be completely alienated from all human companionship, so that their friends won't be murdered. I think that we cannot with any reasonableness say to a man, "OK, we'll let you spy for us, if you'll allow us to spread your name all over creation if our congressional committee so decides."

Also, with men like Adam Clayton Powell in Congress, I don't trust Congress to establish a committee to oversee our intelligence operations. I'm sure that most congressmen are very good, but what will happen if one of these congressmen should let something slip at a cocktail party? Our country could be at the mercy of

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anyone sly enough to get into the friendship of one of these men, or foreign spies could kidnap, threaten, or murder these congressmen. Spies, especially Communist spies, would try anything to become a member of that committee or to have a hold on any member.

And what would happen if one of these men weren't re-elected? Would the United States Government have to execute him as he "knows too much?" We couldn't.

In conclusion, although I feel the writer of this editorial has a point, I think that such a committee could be harmful to our security.

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